

San Leandro Computer Club Journal

December 1995

November Minutes & Extras

The November regular meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Robbie Bridges with almost everybody in attendance. Those that weren't there weren't missed even a little. Hopefully those missing this month will also be missing next month when we have our holiday party with cake, ice cream and goodies. More for the rest of us that way.

Last I heard there were plans by several of our President type Officers planning even better ways to control the ever famous Crooked Raffle, what with the party meeting always bringing out some special goodies for the raffle, they want to be prepared.

There will be a canned goods collection this year as usual, so dig out the left over caviar and beans and haul them to the meeting.

Mister Bob Scholar took a few minutes from his busy schedule and demonstrated this months 8 Bit floppy. Bob has again updated the clubs 8 Bit library disk. The library disk that started as a very simple database about ten years ago, using a public domain program published in Compute magazine, has grown to truly amazing proportions. (By the way the only good thing our robber baron ex-President, Jim Hood ever did was to devil somebody into making the database part of the clubs disk collection.) The program still fits on a floppy but has been in enhanced density for quite a while. Seems as though it is rapidly approaching the end of those limits and will soon have to go to double density or be split into two disks. (Maybe Scholar can figure a way to put the library on an PC, sure would speed it up.)

For some unknown reason Bobs demonstration got off into a discussion on various 8 Bit operating systems and by the time it got back to the floppy everybody forgot what was on it, so you will have to look in the October Journal for exciting details.

The other Bob, Woolley that is, demonstrated the Atari Classic disk of the month, and in his usual inept manner admitted that he couldn't figure out how to make it work. Anyway the disk has a Lemmings look-a-like game on it that may or may not be of interest.

After another fixed raffle that allowed Woolley to take home the big prizes the meeting dissolved into a general bull session and died about 9:45.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend last months ST & PC SIG so did not have the pleasure of watching Earl Lyle Earl trash Robbie's PC. The last I heard the machine is still doing weird things. That is it does weird things when it does anything at all.

I wonder, has anybody found a good use for all the America Online, Prodigy and CompuServe free disks. In the last three months I have acquired seventeen copies on disk and four on CD ROM. If each is good for ten free hours online I have enough to last for years. Oh well!!

Till next Time

Sincerely - Jim Moran - Secretary

ST Stuff for Sale...

Atari SC1224 color monitors	\$79
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For sale: 14"(nominal) Sony 1302 Multiscan monitor, 0.26 dot pitch, and Atari ST mono/color switchbox by ATY Computer.
- all ST resolutions (monochrome and color)
- 800x600 non-interlaced (excellent with Windows at 800x600)
- 1024x768 interlaced
- 15-36 kHz(horizontal) and 50-100 Hz(vertical)
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Free: Pixel Wonder Overscan-type of card for STs and Megs.
- installation/user's manual and software driver included
- requires socketted cpu and a few other motherboard modifications
- programmable frequencies and resolutions

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**Merry
 Christmas
 from the
 SLCC!**



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Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 8:00 PM Main Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11 8:00 PM ST/PC Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29 Journal deadline	30
31	<div>November 95</div> <div>SMTWTFS</div> <div>123456789101112131415161718192021222324252627282930</div>		<div>January 96</div> <div>SMTWTFS</div> <div>12345678910111213141516171819202122232425262728293031</div>			

OUR LATEST 8-BIT D.O.M.

by Bob Scholar SLCC 8-bit Software Chairman

SLCC1312.DOC
DECEMBER 1995

GENERAL COMMENTS

I use a 1200XL with 256K memory & an ULTRA SPEED+ chip with a three-way switch. It can run 400/800; XL/XE; or US+ Operating Systems. See the note below, under the DOC for SIGN.BAS.

D.O.M. SUMMARY

The back has one major DEMO, with nine portions, named Bitter Reality. It's partly in Polish. The front has seven programs;- three are Games, one is both a Game and UTILITY, and three are UTILITIES. MYCOPYR.COM is a variant disk copier UTIL (see SLCC0806).

CONTENTS- DISK #1312:-

Front:-

*SLCC1312.DOC	029	DOS	.SYS	039	
HELLO	011	AUTORUN	.SYS	002	
MENU	034	APR	.BAS	089	
AUTOAPR	.SYS	002	CRYPTO	.BAS	027
EXWALL	.EXE	033	MYCOPYR	.COM	033
MYCOPYR	.TXT	059	RACER	.EXE	091
ROCKSLDE	.BAS	063	SIGN	.BAS	178
+ANTIC	.SGC	002	+VALENTIN	.SGC	005
+CARDS	.SGN	003	+DISKS	.SGN	003
004 FREE SECTORS					

Back:- NO BASIC! [ENHanced DENSity]

Bitter Reality DEMO (Polish & Eng.)	
INTRODUCTION	FLEXIBLE SQUARE
GREETINGS	SINUS WORM
RZOG PLAZMA	PARTYLAND
FILET LAZMA	DRAGON BOBS
FAREWELL	892 SECTORS USED.

PROGRAM DETAILS

APR.BAS by Bob Mueller was in the 9/87 ANTIC. It can help you calculate the real percentage of gain (or loss) from savings & investments. The file AUTOAPR.SYS will boot APR.BAS- if you put both on another disk (with DOS) & rename it to AUTORUN.SYS.

CRYPTO.BAS by M. Fleischmann from ANTIC 7/85 is for you, if you like to solve cryptoquote puzzles. It's self explanatory (Game or UTILITY?).

EXWALL.EXE is a M/L Game for two

with Joy/Sticks- by Andy Barton, from ANTIC 7/89. It's a battle between two robot factories; across 8 zones, with stone fortress walls, and blue rivers and lakes. You must destroy your opponent's fortresses and factory.

MYCOPYR.COM (& .TXT) are from the OHAUG 9,10/95 Newsletter. Our disk # 0806 has a 'Boot-Only' version of the program. The DOC is very complete.

RACER.EXE by Jon Peterson is from ANTIC 3/89. Written in ACTION! (with a Runtime Pkg.) it's a fast-scrolling Game for one player. You have 3 cars to play! Hit [SPACE] to pause.

ROCKSL(i)DE by James Hague, from ANTIC 5/86, is a Game for 1 or 2 with Joy/Stick(s). It has 3 game 'boards'. Each has three diamonds- line them up in a horizontal or vertical row. Use the J/S to move rocks or diamonds (or to break up rocks). Don't get stuck in corners! Scores are displayed. It may remind you of BOULDERDASH.

SIGN.BAS (or SignMaker) by Andrew Thomas (ANTIC 3/89), is a menu-driven editor that will turn a computer into an electronic sign that has up to ten lines of text in 4 colors, scrolling, blinking, fading, upper & lower case text and graphics. Included with it are four sample files marked + in the Directory listing above. The program has a main menu and several submenus; (mostly for creating/ editing signs). It's complex, but fairly easy to work out;- if all else fails,- try reading the original article. You must [L]oad a script before you [P]lay it. [N]ew will clear it from memory. The script repeats until you press a key. Also, I found that message graphics display properly only when my computer is in XL/XE mode. When you're asked for a filename, you must include the "D:".

BITTER REALITY is a massive DEMO in nine sections. It uses the whole back side (892 sectors);- in ENHanced DENSity. It runs for 28 minutes;- in Polish and English. [SHIFT] changes screens. It's OHAUG's Library #560.

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An independent, money losing organization of Atari Computer users. Membership at \$20.00 per year doesn't buy you a whole lot, but the price has never been raised. Call any Officer to join.

General Meeting

**Tuesday, December 5th, 1995
8:00PM**

Christmas Party!!

Bring the family for cake and ice cream

Don't forget your donation of canned goods

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